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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 26, 2022:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat, 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light).

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Carroll Inlet, Neets Bay, and Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 31, 2022.

When under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

The Anita Bay and Carroll Inlet THAs opened June 1, the Deep Inlet THA opened for purse seining on June 2, the Neets Bay THA opened June 17, and the SE Cove and Thomas Bay THAs opened June 19, as previously announced. For specific open times and area for these THAs, refer to the advisory announcements released in April.

There are no scheduled common property purse seine openings for the Hidden Falls THA in 2022. Due to a low projected run of chum salmon, the Hidden Falls THA will be managed for broodstock. NSRAA will assess run strength through a weekly test fishery and if excess chum salmon to broodstock needs are available, common property openings may be announced. Purse seiners are advised that openings may be announced with a minimum 24-hour notice, if necessary, to maximize fish quality.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 1, 2022.

All harvest from the June 19 purse seine fishery is confidential.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1522.

Advisory Announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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